

W

March 9, 1989

On F
Rushdie.
We,
embodies
publicatic
We a
book has
We c
discuss t
violence.

We r
those involved in his publication worldwide, and to take firm action to ensure that these threats are withdrawn.

Thousands of literary figures around the world have put their names to this statement. These are some of them:

Chinua Achebe, NIG
Fouad Ajami, USA
A. Alvarez, USA
Eric Ambler, UK
Yehuda Amichai, ISR
Babak Amir-Khosravi, IRN
Kingsley Amis, UK
Marlin Amis, UK
Michelangelo Antonioni, ITA
John Ashberry, USA
Margaret Atwood, CAN
Julian Barnes, UK
Samuel Beckett, IRE
Sureshali Behruz, IRN
Saul Bellow, USA
Carl Bernstein, USA
Clark Blaise, USA
Judy Blume, USA
Sidney Blumenthal, USA
Edward Kamau Brathwaite, BWI
Breyten Breytenbach, SAF
Andra Brink, SAF
Joseph Brodsky, USA
Robert Caro, USA
Noam Chomsky, USA
J. M. Coetzee, SAF
Catherine Cookson, UK
Avery Corman, USA
Don DeLillo, USA
Joan Didion, USA
Mohammed Djalali, IRN
Goko Djogo, YUG
E. L. Doctorow, USA
Margaret Drabble, UK
John Gregory Dunne, USA
Ralph Ellison, USA
Nawal El Saadawi, EGY
Buchi Emecheta, NIG
Shusaku Endo, JPN
Hans Magnus Enzensberger, GER
Fadi Faqir, JOR
Silva Fischerova, CZE
Frances Fitzgerald, USA

Antonia Fraser, USA
Northrup Frye, CAN
Carlos Fuentes, MEX
Athol Fugard, SAF
John Kenneth Galbraith, USA
Allen Ginsberg, USA
Natalia Ginzburg, ITA
William Golding, UK
Nadine Gordimer, SAF
Mary Gordon, USA
Juan Goytisolo, SPA
Graham Greene, UK
Germaine Greer, AUS
Robert Haas, USA
David Halberstam, USA
Miklos Haraszti, HUN
Tahar Halman, TUR
Wilson Harris, BWI
Seamus Heaney, IRE
Joseph Heller, USA
John Hersey, USA
Hendrik Herzberg, USA
George V. Higgins, USA
Christopher Hitchens, UK
Michael Holroyd, UK
Maureen Howard, USA
Irving Howe, USA
Eugene Ionesco, FRA
John Irving, USA
Kazuo Ishiguro, JPN
Iraj Jannali-Aliae, IRN
Ryszard Kapuscinski, POL
Dhablya Khamees, UAR
Frances King, UK
Galway Kinnell, USA
Danilo Kis, YUG
Janos Kis, HUN
George Konrad, HUN
Jannis Kounellis, ITA
Ryszard Krynicki, POL
Milan Kundera, CZE
Hanif Kureishi, PAK
Jean Lacouture, FRA

Lewis Lapham, USA
Doris Lessing, UK
Penelope Lively, UK
Anthony Lukas, USA
Allison Lurie, USA
Manoocher Mahjoobi, IRN
Norman Mailer, USA
Anis Mansour, EGY
Robert Massie, USA
Don Mattera, SAF
Peter Matthiessen, USA
Claude Mauriac, FRA
Vladimir Maximov, USSR
Larry McMurtry, USA
Ved Mehta, USA
James Michener, USA
Arthur Miller, USA
Czeslaw Milosz, USA
Alberto Moravia, ITA
Toni Morrison, USA
John Mortimer, UK
Daniel Moyano, ARG
Bharati Mukherjee, USA
Alice Munro, CAN
Edna O'Brien, IRE
Kole Omotoso, NIG
Michael Ondatje, CAN
John Carlos Onetti, URU
Parviz Owsia, IRN
Grace Paley, USA
Gyorgy Petri, HUN
Harold Pinter, UK
Agneta Pleijel, SWE
Elena Poniatowska, MEX
Dennis Potter, UK
V. S. Pritchett, UK
Lenka Prochazkova, CZE
Frederic Raphael, UK
Jean-Francois Revel, FRA
Mordecai Richler, CAN
Augusto Roa Bastos, PAR
Philip Roth, USA
Anatoly Rybakov, USSR

Ernesto Sabato, ARG
Francoise Sagan, FRA
Amina Said, TUN
Edward Said, USA
Michael Scammell, USA
Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., USA
Peter Schneider, GER
Anton Shammas, ISR
William Shawcross, UK
Allan Sillitoe, UK
Milan Simecka, CZE
Claude Simon, FRA
Andrei Sinyavsky, USSR
Joseph Skvorecky, CAN
Susan Sontag, USA
Wole Soyinka, NIG
Muriel Spark, UK
George Steiner, UK
Robert Stone, USA
William Styron, USA
Veronique Tadjo, IVC
Amir Taheri, IRN
Gay Talese, USA
Rene Tavernier, FRA
Paul Theroux, USA
E. P. Thompson, UK
Lionel Tiger, USA
Olana Trilling, USA
Milan Uhde, CZE
Ludvik Vaculik, CZE
Luisa Valenzuela, ARG
Mario Vargas Llosa, PER
Emilio Vedova, ITA
Jan Vladislav, CZE
Vladimir Voinovich, USSR
Kurt Vonnegut, USA
Elle Wiesel, USA
Leon Wieseltier, USA
Angus Wilson, UK
A. B. Yehoshua, ISR
Adam Zagajewski, POL
Andrea Zanzotto, ITA

Published by the International Committee for the Defense of Salman Rushdie and His Publishers (USA). Sponsoring groups include: American Booksellers Association, American Civil Liberties Union, ARTICLE 19, Association of American Publishers, Association of American University Presses, Authors Guild, Fund for Free Expression, Human Rights Watch, PEN American Center, People for the American Way.

This statement is being published in newspapers and magazines around the world, including: The Atlantic; Harper's Magazine; The Nation; National Journal; The New Republic; New York Review of Books; Publishers Weekly; 7 Days; The Village Voice, Washington Post (National Edition); International: The Economist, The Financial Times, The Guardian, The Independent, The New Statesman and Society, The Scotsman, The Spectator, Times Literary Supplement (UK); Irish Times (IRE); Le Monde (FRA); L'Espresso (ITA); Die Tageszeitung (GER); Standard (AUT); Dagens Nyheter, Aftonbladet (SWE); Dagbladet (NOR); Politiken, Information (DEN); Helsingin Sanomat (FIN); Odglosy (POL); El Tiempo (COL); Brecha (URU); La Jornada (MEX); Indian Post, Indian Express (IND); Weekly Mail (SAF).

Prepared by Sussman & Sugar/Ogilvy & Mather on behalf of its clientele.

New Republic - March 20, 1989

Statement

I Committee and his Publishers (USA)

call Muslims to seek out and execute Salman
ved in its publication worldwide.

nt to freedom of opinion and expression as
s, declare that we also are involved in the

ne book or not. We appreciate the distress the
ted with the ensuing conflict.
people to express their ideas and beliefs and to
rance, free from censorship, intimidation and

ne threats made against Salman Rushdie and
to take firm action to ensure that these threats are